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PROTECTING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS

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An Important Read for School Personnel:

[This report](#) builds on 20 years of NTAC research and guidance in the field of threat assessment by offering an in-depth analysis of the motives, behaviors, and situational factors of the attackers, as well as the tactics, resolutions, and other operationally-relevant details of the attacks.

The analysis suggests that many of these tragedies could have been prevented, and supports the importance of schools establishing comprehensive targeted violence prevention programs as recommended by the Secret Service in ***Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence***

Some of the key findings from this study and their implications for informing school violence prevention efforts include:

- There is no profile of a student attacker, nor is there a profile for the type of school that has been targeted:
- Attackers usually had multiple motives, the most common involving a grievance with classmates
- Most attackers used firearms, and firearms were most often acquired from the home
- Most attackers had experienced psychological, behavioral, or developmental symptoms:
- Half of the attackers had interests in violent topics
- All attackers experienced social stressors involving their relationships with peers and/or romantic partners
- Nearly every attacker experienced negative home life factors
- Most attackers were victims of bullying, which was often observed by others
- Most attackers had a history of school disciplinary actions, and many had prior contact with law enforcement:

All attackers exhibited concerning behaviors. Most elicited concern from others and most communicated their intent to attack.

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